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TIME TABLE

EAST TENN. VA. & GA. R. R.

PASSENGER TRAIN NO. 1--WEST.

Leave Bristol.....4:23 A. M.

Arrive at Athens.....5:25 P. M.

Arrive at Chattanooga.....5:25 P. M.

PASSENGER TRAIN NO. 2--EAST.

Leave Chattanooga.....5:15 A. M.

Arrive at Athens.....8:35 A. M.

Arrive at Bristol.....7:30 P. M.

M. A. Helm, J. H. Hornsby,
Cashier, President.

FRANKLIN

ASSOCIATION BANK,

(Chartered and Organized June, 1872.)

OFFICE

on Jackson St., one door South of Public Square

ATHENS, TENNESSEE.

Regular Meetings every Tuesday Night.

TRANSACTS A

General Banking Business.

Discounts Daily; Buys and Sells

Gold, Silver, Bonds, Stock, Uncurrent

Bank Notes, &c., &c.

In its Savings Department, receives Deposits

and issues Certificates therefor at specified

rates of interest. M. A. HELM, Cashier.

Athens, Dec. 20, 1873-1874-254

R. C. Jackson, J. W. Lillard,

President, Cashier.

F. H. McClung, Vice Pres.

EAST TENNESSEE NATIONAL BANK

OF KNOXVILLE.

Authorized Capital, \$500,000.

CASH CAPITAL PAID IN \$150,000.

The only National Bank between Salem, Va.

and Cleveland, Tennessee.

Designated Depository of the U. S.

AND SUCCESSORS TO

First National Bank of Knoxville.

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Robt. Love, Johnson City

J. H. Earnest, Rhetown

F. W. Taylor, " " " "

R. M. Barton, Morriston

Wm. Brazelton, N. Mark

Wm. Harris, Dandridge

Geo. A. Fain, "

J. E. Babt, Cleveland

H. H. Mallock, Riceville

N. Bogart, Philad'a

J. A. Ray, Knoxville

Joseph Jackson, "

F. H. McClung, "

Sam. McKinney, "

S. B. Boyd, "

W. W. Woodruff, "

J. W. Lillard, "

Julia Jackson, "

R. C. Jackson, "

Receives Deposits, Buys and Sells Exchange,

Foreign and Domestic; deals in Gold, Silver,

Uncurrent Bank Notes, United States, State,

County and Corporation Bonds and Coupons,

and will do a General Collecting and Banking

Business throughout the United States.

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W. PHILLIPS, G. M. JACKSON, C. H. PHILLIPS

Late of Phillips, Late with Late with Phillips

Hooper & Co. Orr Bros. Hooper & Co.

C. M. GALLAHER,

(LATE WITH S. B. SPURLOCK & CO.)

WITH

PHILLIPS, JACKSON & CO.,

Wholesale Grocers,

COMMISSION MERCHANTS,

AND DEALERS IN

Foreign & Domestic Liquors,

No. 42 South Market Street,

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE.

Dec. 6, 1872-1873-262

THOMAS O'CONNER & CO.,

WHOLESALE DEALERS IN

AND MANUFACTURERS OF

Saddles and Bridles

of every description.

Carriage & Buggy Harness &

COLLARS.

GAY STREET,

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE.

Jan. 3, 1873-1874-266

JOHN STEPHENS, JOHN H. FLYNN

STEPHENS & FLYNN,

GENERAL

COMMISSION MERCHANTS,

IN

Grain, Flour, Provisions, Hay, &c

Forsyth Street.....ATLANTA, GA.

Agents for the Sale of Cotton, Yarns, Osna-

burgs, Sheetings, Shirtings, Lime, Salt, etc.

Refer to the Banks and Merchants of

Atlanta.

Liberal Cash Advances made on consignments

July 1, 1870-1871-135

W. W. ALEXANDER, M. D.

OFFICE AND RESIDENCE ON WASH-

ington Street, Athens, Tennessee.

January 9, 1874-1875-319

BLANKS OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS

FOR SALE AT THIS OFFICE.

CARPENTER, ROSS & LOCKETT,

WHOLESALE

GROCERS

AND

COMM'N MERCHANTS,

GAY STREET,

Knoxville, Tennessee.

HAVING REMOVED INTO OUR NEW

and Commodious Warehouse, adjoining

Snaford, Chamberland & Aibers, we

are now prepared to offer

Special Inducements to the Trade.

We will keep on hand at all times, full lines of

STAPLE AND FANCY

GROCERIES,

FULL LINES OF

WOODENWARE,

TOBACCOES,

SNUFF AND CIGARS,

—O—

GRAIN BAGS,

OF ALL KINDS.

MANILLA AND JUTE ROPE,

SOLE LEATHER,

Crackers,

Cheese,

Candies,

and Raisins,

Nuts of all kinds.

FINE TEAS A SPECIALITY.

—O—

WE ARE

WHOLESALE AGENTS FOR

LENOIR & BRO'S

COTTON YARNS,

AND

Holston Salt and Plaster Co's

SALT.

—O—

WE RECEIVE AND SELL ON COMMISS-

ion the

Products of the Country,

and will endeavor at all times to get the high-

est market prices for same.

—O—

WE SELL GOODS TO

MERCHANTS ONLY.

Feb. 13, 1874-1875-324

The Post.

Athens, Friday, April 17, 1874.

The Rev. Munsey.

The statement in the papers that the Rev. W. E. Munsey had been appointed to fill the vacancy in the leading Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Augusta, Georgia, was premature. The appointment has not been made.

Butter.

A western paper says dealers in butter classify it as wool-grease, soap-grease, variegated and tessellated cow-grease, boarding-house breakfast, inferior tub, medium roll, good roll and gilt edge roll. The terms are strictly technical.

Poor Fellow.

A Delaware man committed suicide a day or two ago because some one left a baby on the doorstep. He was too frail for this cold world if he couldn't look his wife square in the eye and deliberately declare that it was a put-up job to make trouble.

Murder at Lebanon.

J. R. Breckenridge, a student at the law school, Lebanon, Tennessee, was shot and mortally wounded on the 9th, by John L. Anderson, son of Dr. J. M. Anderson, Mayor of Lebanon. Young Breckenridge was a son of the late Dr. Robert J. Breckenridge, of Danville, Ky. Anderson was crazed with liquor when he committed the act. He is reported to have escaped.

Alfalfa

The February and March report of the Agricultural Department at Washington says, "a farmer in Fresno county, California, reports that, in 1873, from a field of five acres, he cut 20 tons of alfalfa hay, which netted him \$10 per ton; also, one crop of alfalfa seed, weighing 2,200 pounds, which netted him 20 cents per pound. This is a clear profit of \$128 per acre."

Parties in the vicinity of Athens are experimenting in alfalfa in a small way, and by next season we will probably know how well it is adapted to our soil and climate.

Kingston, Tennessee.

Prof. H. E. Colton, of New York, who has been traveling in East Tennessee, says Kingston, at the confluence of the Clinch and Tennessee, is the best point for an iron furnace he ever saw. The Post told its friends in Roane county the same thing full twenty years ago, but the wise men of that day only laughed at the suggestion. It is not only one of the best points for an iron furnace, but for manufactures of various kinds. In respect to iron, coal, limestone and timber, it is more advantageously located than Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the great iron city of the continent. Any one who has visited the two points cannot have failed to notice the general resemblance in location, conformation of surroundings, etc.

You are Wrong, Parham.

The following occurs in one of H. V. Redfield's late letters to the Cincinnati Commercial. He is speaking of Tennessee:

"The people are oppressed with debt and taxes. The sheriff and tax-gatherer go hand in hand over the country, and every other man owes more than he can pay. At such times there is a universal desire to put such men in office who believe in low salaries and retrenchment. Johnson, all his life, has been the advocate of these, and therein is his strength with the tolling masses."

H. V. R. is mistaken the worst sort. The people are not oppressed with debt and taxation, and the sheriff and the tax-gatherer are not going over the country, arm in arm and hand in hand grabbing the last cow and selling people out at ruinous sacrifices. Nothing of the sort. We speak for our own section. Monroe, McMinn, Polk, Bradley, Melts, Rhea, Bledsoe and Sequatchie are unembarrassed with debt, and, notwithstanding the taxes for all purposes do not exceed one dollar on the one hundred dollars' worth, most of them have a surplus in their county treasury. The people are in favor of wholesome retractionment, but they are not anxious to put cheap men in office, as that sort generally go to stealing as soon as fairly seated. It is true, Mr. Johnson has been the advocate of low salaries all his life. He has been in office pretty much all his life, too; but we never heard of his refusing to take in the way of salaries all that the law allowed him. H. V. R. is a ready and racy writer; but, like most of his tribe, his penicillings are frequently deficient in a very important element.

One of the oldest merchants in New Orleans, says the population of that city has fallen off in two years thirty thousand, and there are no less than six thousand stores and houses at present uncoupled.

From the Mountains.

18th DISTRICT MOSKOW COUNTY.

April 6th, 1874.

Many encomiums of the Lone Star State, written by Tennessee emigrants, have appeared in the Post. I made a tour through about fifteen counties in Eastern and Western Texas, in the spring of 1867, and, if time and space would admit, could say much on the subject. But I must at present confine myself to the limits of Monroe county. Until quite recently, our tall and rugged mountains have generally been considered as unavailable, and destined only as a retreat and habitation for game, wild animals and beasts of prey. But, as the adage runs, "rough caskets often contain bright jewels." Just so with many of these mountains—a fact, which we feel assured, will be realized pretty soon by men of brains and means.

Mountain men of this vicinity have recently discovered something of value in the "pine lightwood," and are utilizing it. Wm. Lee, at Tellico, has engaged three thousand gallons of Tar at 20 cents per gallon. Jacob Graves run 1,300 out of one pit; Joe Rogers has measured 900 gallons from another, and expects three hundred more; two other pits, amounting to about 500 gallons each, have been run, besides several small lots. Many thousand gallons more may be made, as the pine is abundant. The manufacturers are making good wages. When the proposed Railroad is built to Tellico, and the iron works are put into operation again, we expect the firrier tree to bloom and the honey pond to ebb in these mountains of iron, where good water and crystal streams ever flow, health prevails, and cool, bracing breezes fan and invigorate the system. Then, in all probability, will some of our absent friends, who are dragging out a miserable existence in the malarial and miasmatic regions of Texas, regret that they ever turned their backs upon their native Eden.

I would say to your enterprising and speculative friend, who proposes to make barren fields and bald hillsides prolific with the culture and growth of ginseng, that in my opinion he has located the wrong plant. My experience as a "sang digger" would dissipate the assertion that it will grow anywhere only in the most fertile covs and upon the foot of the very richest north hillsides, and I would suggest that he first try angelica, as the soil in question is more congenial to its growth. Nevertheless, I bid the Patrons of Husbandry God-speed in any enterprise whatever that will fructify the barren fields and enrich the country.

No Grange organization among the Tellico tribe yet. Turkeys are gobbling, the grass is putting forth its tender shoots, and in about two weeks, if the weather continues favorable, cattle can shift for themselves. We had several heavy frosts during the past week. The wheat crop looks encouraging. And upon the whole, I think we have cause for cheerfulness and gratitude.

Yours truly, MOUNTAIN BOY.

A Sermon in a Paragraph.

President Porter, of Yale, gave the following advice to the students of that institution, the other day:

"Young men, you are the architects of your own fortunes. Rely upon your own strength of body and soul. Take for your star, self-reliance. Inscribe on your banner, 'Luck is a fool, Pluck is a hero.' Don't take too much advice—keep at your helm and steer your own ship, and remember that the great art of commanding is to take a fair share of the work. Think well of yourself. Strike out. Assume your own position. Put potatoes in a cart, over a rough road, and the small ones go to the bottom. Rise above the envious and jealous. Fire above the mark you intend to hit. Energy, invincible determination, with a right motive are the levers that move the world. Don't drink. Don't chew. Don't smoke. Don't swear. Don't deceive. Don't read novels. Don't marry until you can support a wife. Be in earnest. Be self-reliant. Be generous. Be civil. Read the papers. Advertise your business. Make money and do good with it. Love your God and fellow-men. Love truth and virtue. Love your country and obey its laws."

Bradley County.

The Cleveland Banner of last week says the County Court assessed the State, County and School tax (aggregate) 75 cents upon the one hundred dollars' worth of property. The Court also levied a tax of \$1 upon every dog, except one, belonging to a family. It also agreed to allow a premium of \$3 for every red, and \$2 for every gray fox scalp.

Coleridge, when lecturing as a young man, was once violently hissed. He immediately retorted, "When a cold stream of truth is poured on red hot prejudices, no wonder they hiss."

A bill is before the Minnesota Legislature making twelve per cent, the maximum legal rate of interest in that State, and visiting with severe penalties its violation.

Ghost Story.

The St. Louis Times tells the following:

About 9 o'clock last night the vicinity of Tenth and Market was suddenly thrown into a commotion by the weeping of two young ladies who had rushed from their residence into the street. A large crowd had quickly gathered, and so incited the ladies that it was with a great deal of difficulty that the Times reporter gained the interior of the circle, where he found himself face to face with both, who were weeping bitterly and appeared very much excited. One of the ladies is about nineteen years of age, and the other is quite a girl—about ten. On being questioned by the reporter, the elder stated that she was sitting in the room facing the street, when her sister turned around and saw a white form making motions through the window from the back yard. She immediately started up, and, on looking through the window, saw the form outside going through a kind of vascillating motion as though beckoning some one to come away. They were so terribly frightened that they rushed into the street, and by their loud cries attracted the attention of the crowd.

The reporter subsequently learned that Miss Manker was the elder lady's name, and that she has been frequently thrown into an alarming state by the appearance of this form. He also heard that since the death of her mother three years ago, its appearance has been the cause of keeping her in a continual dread. She and her sister sat on the door step of a neighboring house and refused to go back to their room until their father, who was out, had returned. About half past 9 the father returned and found them weeping on the door step. He led them back to the house, and had a good talk about the mysterious visitor.

Shaken in Answer to Prayer.

According to the statement of Miles Higgins, the correspondent of the Raleigh News, the Bald Mountain earthquake was an answer to prayers sent up by a fervent Baptist preacher.—Mr. Higgins is thus reported:

It was about three days before the first shock that notice was sent over the mountain that Rev. Posey Owensby, a sort of a Baptist preacher that lived on the mountain, would commence a revival of religion at the school-house on a certain night. He came, but met only a slim congregation. He kept up his revival three days and nights without getting up the slightest excitement. On the night of the 9th or 10th of February he made a long and fervent prayer, in which he said, "O Lord for three days and nights hath Thy servant endeavored in vain to move the strong hearts of this wicked people. Now, we beseech Thee, that thou wouldst, in Thy great and omnipotent power, cause the mountain to shake and tremble beneath their feet, that they might be brought to a consciousness of Thy power and wrath, &c., &c. The people still remained unmoved, but at the hour of ten o'clock next day the mountain shook and trembled beneath the feet of the people.—The Reverend Posey was at work clearing up new ground when the shocks came one after another. Hurrying to the house he told the old woman to make all possible speed for an immediate evacuation. When the sun rose next morning Bald Mountain was far in Posey's rear.

What Zacheus Did.

A story is told of a certain newspaper proprietor who relieved his dishonesty by a spice of humor.

The agent of a large manufacturing house went to him to protest against frequent assaults in the editorial columns.

"What the devil is the matter?" asked the latter. "All you say is an internal lie. But then we feel that we can't afford to have this thing go on. What shall we do to stop it?"

The proprietor appeared abstracted for a few moments, and then remarked: "I was thinking about a character in the Bible. Let me see! His name was—was Zacheus. What did he do? Oh, yes; he climbed a tree to see the Lord; and he didn't see him either. What did he do then? Do you remember, Mr. Agent, what he did then?"

"He came down, I suppose."

"Ah, yes!—thank you—that's it! He came down, sensible fellow; he came down."

The parable was fitting. The agent imitated the example of Zacheus, and the journalistic batteries were instantly spiked.

From the Atlanta Herald.

The last day that Henry Clay ever sat in the Senate, was Charles Sumner's first day in that body. With the former the spirit of peace and patriotic conciliation departed from the public councils, with the latter entered hate, discord, revolution, and civil war. The characters of the two men have, each, formed a striking illustration in the history of our government for the last half century. Which deserves more the grateful remembrance of their countrymen?

A Good Man.

The Chicago Post and Mail enthusiastically eulogizes Mr. Boutwell, theological editor of the Chicago Times, the author of "Walks Among the Churches" and kindred missionary works: "The subdued light of those mild blue orbs are indeed the slumbering fires of genius. He is also a very good young man. With the exception of a few games of marbles played on Sundays while a boy, his life has been without reproach."

Tennessee Politics.

Correspondence of the Courier-Journal.

Nashville, April 6, 1874.

And now we have a proposition that should be as oil upon the troubled waters—that should heal all differences, plaster all old sores and unite in loving embrace the several wings of the Tennessee Democracy. You know that there is a serious unpleasantness here between the Independents and the Straight-outs—an unpleasantness that will drive the party upon the rocks of destruction, if not healed before November. The party, Major Generals, Colonels and Captains of squads know this, and hence half a hundred propositions have been made looking to a peaceful settlement of the controversy. It is supposed to be the beginning of peace, has in reality been a fire brand in camp, and has not brought a single stray sheep back to the pasture. The resolution, and whereas adopted there have been unequal in the emergency and have dissolved in thin air—gone out, in fact, with a sudden flash and bad smell, like a lucifer match.

Then came propositions from Radical sources, looking to an alliance with the Independents, upon the basis of Horace Maynard for Governor, and Andy Johnson for the United States Senate. But this will not work, as the party lines of the Radical party are so tightly drawn that it is a matter of difficulty for a man to get out, or one out to get in.

But now we have something proposed that looks like business. The time is so short that there are not a great number of opportunities to fool away, and this ray of light shines at the right time to be of service in seeing the way out. The proposition is this: Let a general convention be held in Nashville, composed of representative straight-outs and Independents from all parts of the State, and let General